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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: COSTLE-IZRAEL
LETTER (02.00)

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM US CO-CHAIRMAN
COSTLE TO ACADEMICIAN YURIY IZRAEL (SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING
FORWARDED BY POUCH):

2. ACADEMICIAN YU. A. IZRAEL
CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL
SERVICE OF THE USSR
PEREULOK PAVLIKA MOROZOVA, 12
MOSCOW D-376

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DEAR YURIY:
DURING YOUR TALK LAST MONTH WITH PIERRE SHOSTAL IN MOSCOW
REGARDING A POSSIBLE US EXHIBIT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, YOU
SUGGESTED THAT WE SEND YOU A LETTER PROPOSING THE EXHIBIT.
WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND IS AN EXHIBIT THAT WOULD ILLUSTRATE THE
EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES TO PROTECT THE
ENVIRONMENT. IN THIS CONTEXT, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPRO-

PRIATE IF THERE WERE A SECTION WHICH ALSO DESCRIBES WORK BE-
ING DONE JOINTLY BY OUR COUNTRIES UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIRON-
MENTAL AGREEMENT. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT SUCH AN EXHIBIT
MIGHT TAKE PLACE DURING THE FALL OF 1979.

THIS EXHIBIT WOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE APPROPRIATELY SPONSORED
BY THE US SIDE OF THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. IT
MIGHT VISIT MOSCOW AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER SOVIET CITY. AS
TO DIMENSIONS, WE ENVISAGE SOMETHING ALONG THE ORDER OF 800-
1,000 SQUARE METERS.

SO AS TO ALLOW US TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO
PROCEED, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD TAKE THIS MATTER
UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN YOUR GOVERNMENT. IF
THEIR RESPONSE IS POSITIVE - AND I HOPE IT WILL BE - EARLY
CONTACT CAN BE MADE TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS. AS YOU KNOW,
SUCH AN EXHIBIT REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF PREPARATION AND THE
TIME REMAINING FOR THIS WORK BEFORE THE FALL OF 1979 IS
QUITE SHORT. MAY I SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU LET ME KNOW
THE ANSWER OF THE SOVIET SIDE BY APRIL 12.

WITH BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

DOUGLAS M. COSTLE VANCE
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